संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां।

(ग) और (घ) चूंकि, प्रस्तावित डाकघर के लिये अतिरिक्त विभागीय एजेंटों की नियुक्ति की औपचारिकताओं को अन्तिम रूप नहीं दिया जा सका, इसलिए अतिरिक्त विभागीय शाखा डाकघर का खोलना स्थगित करने के आदेश गए।

Sanction of telephones on the recommendations of MPs

407. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEKM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tele phono connections, in excess of the quota prescribed for *M.Vs.* have been .-anctioned on the recommendations of certain M.Ps. during the period from 1st April, 1992 to the 31st March, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the names of such M.Ps. of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha separately and the number of telephone connections sanctioned in the name of each of them;

(c) what is the number of telephone connections sanctioned for Delhi and outside Delhi on the recommendation of each M.P. during the above period;

(d) what are the reasons for sanc tioning telephone connections in ex cess of the prescrbed quota; and

(e) whether Government are pre pared to grant this concession to other M.Ps. also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICA TIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) M.Ps. sometimes receive requ ests for in excess of their quota from ihwr constituencies. Some are sanctioned in exercise of discretionary powers based on an objective assessment of their needs of tha prospective subsecriber.

(e) Every case is considered on its merit.

Reforming of telecom sector in the country

408. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNI-CATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reform the telecom, sector in the country.

(b) whether it is also a fact ihat the Telecom, unions are resisting the reforming of telecom sector;

(c) if so, the manner in which telecom sector is proposed to be reformed stating the areas of opposing by the telecom unions; and

(d) whether any settlement has been arrived at in respect of the issues involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICA TIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) Proposals for restructuring of Department of Telecommunications and related issues including staff matters are under consideration of the Government-

Proposal to stop purchase etc. of telephone instruments

409. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of COMMUNI-CATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Telecommunications